

**MINUTES OF THE-  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 30, 2006**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 9:13 A.M. Commissioners Mendoza, Cleary and Jenkins were present. Staff Members present were Messrs. Garfield, Lenge, Smith, Crayton, Ly, Ms. Mathieu, Ms. Andrews, Ms. Haqq, and Ms. Blackburn.

**II. Consideration of a review process into the manner in which Commission staff handled settlement negotiations in the Matter of In Re: Solicitation of Contributions to Governor's Campaign Fundraiser Request of M. Lisa Moody, File No. 2005-311.**

Chairman Cashman noted that Mr. Garfield was present however, he would not be participating in today's discussion of the above referenced matter.

Today's discussion consisted of what action, if any, the Commission should take to clarify exactly what took place during the investigation and negotiations of the above referenced matter.

Chairman Cashman stated that it is the obligation of the Commission to uphold the public's sense of its integrity and its non partisan, impartial reputation. It is that reputation that has been questioned.

Mr. Lenge quickly summarized several ways to proceed. Following the discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the best way to proceed was to hire an outside investigatory counsel to give a complete picture of the facts. The outside counsel will examine all correspondence and communications to determine a complete picture of how the investigation was conducted and whether it was handled appropriately and if it was handled differently than other investigations, why.

It was moved by Commissioner Mendoza and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to authorize the employment of an outside investigatory counsel and to authorize Commissioner Cashman to conduct a selection process and to make a recommendation to the Commission for their approval. So voted.

Chairman Cashman asked the Commissioners to submit suggestions as to who might be appropriate. The candidates should have some legal knowledge of how enforcement agencies work and have a reputation that will be significant. The final report and findings should be persuasive and stand on its own so that the public can be fully satisfied that the results of the Commission's investigation was justified by the facts. Commissioner Cashman will review the résumés and schedule interviews as quickly as possible so that this matter can move forward.

Commissioner Cashman requested the complete file of the investigation of File No. 2005-311 be compiled. He also requested that a letter be sent to Sue Cobb, Commission's Counsel and agency liaison to the Attorney General informing her that the Commission has begun this process. A letter will also be sent to Senator DeFronzo and Rep. Caruso to inform them that this process has begun and upon completion, the Commission will share the results with them.

### III. Adjournment

Commissioner Cashman suggested that the regular scheduled meeting of April 5, 2006 be postponed to a special meeting to be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. The Commissioners concurred.

It was moved by Commissioner Mendoza and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 A. M. So voted.

Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois E. Blackburn  
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006 at Hartford, Connecticut

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Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman  
By Order of the Commission